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SUBJECT: LIBERATION RADIO MENTIONS NINE AMERICANS IN BAN
ME THUOT

REF : A) SAIGON 2931 (NOTAL); B) FBIS BK171150 MAR 75

1. "PRG'S" LIBERATION RADIO, IN "EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK" FEATURE
BROADCAST MARCH 16 (REF B), ALLUDED TO THE NINE AMERICANS
IN BAN ME THUOT IN ITS DISCUSSION OF GVN DECISION TO MOVE II
CORPS HQ.

2. BROADCAST SAID THAT "THE U.S.-THIEU CLIQUE" HAD BEEN FORCED
TO MOVE II CORPS HQ "ESPECIALLY TO SPARE THE U.S. ADVISERS
IN PLEIKU THE FATE OF THE NINE AMERICANS IN BAN ME THUOT."
(FBIS BANGKOK TRANSLATION "THEIR NINE COLLEAGUES" CHECKED AND
CORRECTED BY FBIS SAIGON.) ARTICLE THEN NOTES STATEMENT BY
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"PRG" SPOKESMAN AT SAIGON PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 15(REF A)

THAT "FOREIGNERS INCLUDING HONEST AMERICANS WILL BE WELL TREATED AND RELEASED IF THEY ARE CAPTURED, BUT THIS TREATMENT WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS. THEY ARE SPECIAL CASES BECAUSE THEY HAVE VIOLATED THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

3. BROADCAST GOES ON TO SAY THAT "THE CAPTURE OF U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS WILL BE A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE RULING CLIQUE WHICH HAS ADAMANTLY CLAIMED THAT IT HAS ONLY CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS HAS CAUSED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO WORRY ABOUT THE FATE OF THE NINE AMERICANS IN BAN ME THUOT. ONE REASON PROMPTING THE U.S. TO HASTILY SHIFT THE II CORPS HEADQUARTERS -- WHICH TEEMS WITH U.S. MILITARY ADVISERS -- FROM PLEIKU TO NHA TRANG WAS TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT IN SUCH A BOX."
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